

GRANT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
DECEMBER 2, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M.

Chairman: Bill Bailey
Vice Chairman: Jim Fleming
Board Members: Carol Dawson, Terry Dorsing, Ann Drader, Blair Fuglie, Lee Graham
and Kevin Richards
Secretary: Doris Long

COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM - GRANT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, EPHRATA, WASHINGTON

2015 Attendance

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
BAILEY	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	NM	P	NM	P
DAWSON	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	NM	A	NM	P
DORSING	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	NM	A	NM	P
DRADER	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	NM	P	NM	P
FLEMING	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	NM	P	NM	P
FUGLIE	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	A	NM	P	NM	P
GRAHAM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	NM	A	NM	P
RICHARDS	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	NM	P	NM	P

P=Present

A=Absent

C=Canceled

NM=No Meeting Held

Chairman, Bill Bailey, opens the workshop at 6:03 p.m.

Board Action: Approval of October 7, 2015 Planning Commission minutes.

ACTION: Mr. Fleming moves to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Dorsing seconds the motion.
Voted on and passes unanimously.

Planning Commission Workshop – review of the Grant County Code, Rules of Procedure.

Planning Director, Damien Hooper, explains to the Planning Commission that they will be reviewing amendments proposed for Chapters 2.16 and 2.68 of the Grant County Code. They will not develop a formal recommendation for the Board of County Commissioners.

There is discussion as to why a reduction in the number of members is being considered.

Chapter 2.16 Planning Agencies

Section 2.16.020 - Agencies established.

Amend Item #2 - reduce the number of Planning Commission members from nine (9) to seven (7).

Remove Item #3 - refers to a nonexistent area advisory committee that was to aid the Planning Commission.

Discussion regarding how the duties of the Planning Commission have changed.

Chapter 2.68 – Planning Commission Rules of Procedure

Section 2.68.020 – Official seat-Meetings

Adding language allowing for more flexibility in the scheduling of meetings.

Section 2.68.080 – Membership-Absenteeism-Request for resignation.

Discussion, how is the twenty-five percent absenteeism occurrence determined.

Section 2.68.090 – Membership Majority Vote

Mr. Bailey request to have planning agency amended to read Planning Commission.

Mr. Dorsing asks about adding language that would refer to the establishment of a quorum.

This is discussed, as well as what establishes a quorum for voting purposes. The language is amended to include ...*shall be from a quorum of the Planning Commission and by the affirmative vote....*

Section 2.68.100 - Membership-Appointment-Compensation

Ms. Drader expresses her concerns of not having the districts represented and the elimination of the language.

Mr. Hooper states he will bring this up to the Board of County Commissioners.

Discussion - mileage being considered as compensation.

Section 2.68.110 - Public and executive sessions-Decision making regulations

The Planning Commission discuss this section.

Section 2.68.120 - Zone change or preliminary plat applications-Notices of hearing-Application postponement or withdrawal.

Remove this section. The adoption of the Unified Development Code has rendered this section obsolete.

Discussion takes place.

Section 2.68.130 - Application reconsideration-Conditions-Official notice.

Remove this section. Reconsideration at this level is not practical.

Section 2.68.140 - Planning Commission action-Findings of fact-Notification of action.

Mr. Bailey suggests amending action to read recommendation.

The Planning Commission discusses this section.

Section 2.68.150 - Planning Commission decision-Appeal process.

Remove this section. Not relevant.

Mr. Graham would like to see a statement added to Chapter 2.16, which would refer to the Planning Commission's recommendations being made to the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 2.16.020 (2) is amended to read: *A Planning Commission, composed of seven members, which shall assist the Planning Department in carrying out its duties pursuant to the Grant County Unified Development Code.*

Discussion takes place.

Discussion regarding district representation and maintaining balance.

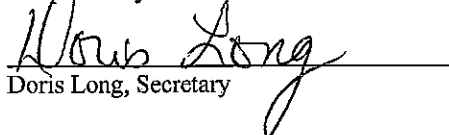
Staff advises the Commissioners that the schedule for 2016 will be full. Along with the standard projects, there will be Unified Development Code amendments and the required GMA update.

There is discussion.

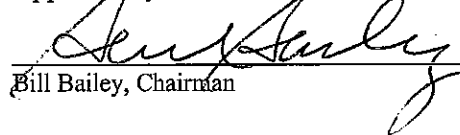
Mr. Graham requests that the Planning Commission be notified of the Board of County Commissioners' decisions on projects they have made recommendations on,

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted:


Doris Long, Secretary

Approved by:


Bill Bailey, Chairman